

## REMARKS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated February 2, 2007. The final Office Action indicated that a number of the pending dependent claims presented allowable subject matter. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter and the applicant amends the claims accordingly. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 15, 18 and 19 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 15 and 18 are amended. Claims 3, 5, 16 and 17 are canceled. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The outstanding Office Action indicates that the information disclosure statement filed on September 6, 2006 was incomplete. Applicant submits herewith a copy of the information disclosure statement filed on September 6, 2006, which was believed to be complete. Also attached is a copy of the stamped return postcard that indicates the information disclosure statement filing was complete.

Should the Examiner determine that the information disclosure statement that the September 6, 2006 filing was in fact in error, applicant requests reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(f), which allows for additional time to be given to enable full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Finally, should the Examiner determine that the information disclosure fee of \$180 is due, the undersigned attorney for applicant authorizes the fee to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of prior claim 3 so that claim 1 now corresponds to prior claim 3 rewritten in independent form. The Office Action indicated that prior claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that claim 1 and its dependent claim 4 are in condition for allowance.

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Claim 2 is amended to incorporate the limitations of prior claim 5 so that claim 2 now corresponds to prior claim 5 rewritten in independent form. The Office Action indicated that prior claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that claim 2 and its dependent claims 6-10 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 is amended to incorporate the limitations of prior claims 16 and 17 so that claim 15 now corresponds to prior claim 17 rewritten in independent form. The Office Action indicated that prior claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that claim 15 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 is rewritten to stand in independent form and further amended to include the limitations of prior claim 16. The Office Action indicated that prior claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits that claim 18 and its dependent claim 19 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4670 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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